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TECHNICAL ADVISORY

TO: All Design, Operations, and District Personnel, and Consultants

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SUBJECT: Specifications Conflicts

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Most projects will require modifying recurring special provisions or developing unique special provisions. The designer or other specification writer must make certain that such modifications or new requirements are not in conflict with existing INDOT *Standard Specifications* or recurring special provision requirements which are intended to remain unchanged for the contract work. This is most important when determining which work is to be paid for as a pay item, and which work is to be included in the cost of other pay items.

The best method to avoid such conflicts is to develop modifications which directly revise the INDOT *Standard Specifications*. This procedure is described in *Indiana Design Manual* Sections 19-2.02 and 19-2.03 Item 5, and Figures 19-2B and 19-2C.

For work to be included in the cost of other pay items, the preferred specification wording is, "The cost of _____ shall be included in the costs of (name of pay item)." An alternative wording is, "The cost of _____ shall be included in the costs of the other pay items in this section."

If the designer or other specification writer has questions, he or she should contact the Contracts and Construction Division's specifications manager at 317-232-5353.

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